

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Jeh Charles Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8823–S8867

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1828–1832, and S. Res. 322. **Page S8845**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Printing: Senate agreed to S. Res. 322, to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate.

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Measures Considered:

Workforce Investment Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1356, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth.

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Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, reappointed the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: William A. Reinsch of Maryland for a term beginning January 1, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2015, and The Honorable Carte P. Goodwin of West Virginia for a term beginning January 1, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2015.

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Mayorkas Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. **Page S8836**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 277), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the nomination. **Page S8836**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, December 18, 2013. **Page S8836**

Koskinen Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Andrew Koskinen, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue. **Page S8836**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 278), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the nomination. **Page S8836**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. **Pages S8836–37**

Davis Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brian J. Davis, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Page S8837**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of John Andrew Koskinen, of the

District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue. **Page S8837**

Yellen Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S8837**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Brian J. Davis, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Page S8837**

Gibson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sloan D. Gibson, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Page S8837**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S8837**

Sewall Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights). **Page S8837**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Sloan D. Gibson, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S8837–38**

Connor Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michael L. Connor, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior. **Page S8838**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights). **Page S8838**

Raskin Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S8838**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Sen-

ate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Michael L. Connor, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior. **Page S8838**

Wright Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. **Page S8838**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S8838**

Engler Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard J. Engler, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board. **Page S8838**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. **Page S8838**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 78 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 274), Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Ambassador, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs). **Pages S8834, S8867**

By 78 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 276), Jeh Charles Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security. **Pages S8835, S8867**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 57 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 275), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S8834–35**

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—13) **Page S8834**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—278) **Pages S8834–36**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 8:16 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8862.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 425 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3373–3386; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 446–447 were introduced. **Page H8117**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8118**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3008, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in Los Padres National Forest in California, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–295);

H.R. 2954, to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance (H. Rept. 113–296);

H.R. 1170, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey, by quitclaim deed, to the City of Fernley, Nevada, all right, title, and interest of the United States, to any Federal land within that city that is under the jurisdiction of either of those agencies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–297); and

H.R. 585, to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Anchorage, Alaska, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversion interest to the City (H. Rept. 113–298). **Page H8117**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Sensenbrenner to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8115**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Patrick Riffle, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H8115**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8116.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nominations of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel, and Christopher Smith, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, both of the Department of Energy, and Esther Puakela Kia'aina, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, and Neil Gregory Kornze, of Nevada, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, both of the Department of the Interior, and Marc A. Kastner, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science, and Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, both of the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish